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Among those who listened to this testimony were Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Spaulding, Chief Superintendent, Agent Tingle, General Counsel, Jewell and Lawyer, Joseph J. H. Johnson, who represented the firm of J. H. Johnson & Co., the importers, and several members and employees of that firm.

Mr. Corbett said he had given the letters to the reporter on the pledge that they would not be published in this paper. They were published in the Dry Goods Chronicle.

Chairman Patrich replied that he did not wish to complicate matters unnecessarily, but that, as Appraiser Cooper would be asked any questions that might be suggested by Simon & Co., he might as well answer them.

Continuing the examination of Assistant Appraiser Cooper, Mr. Macfarlane referred to the four suspicious invoices of J. H. Johnson & Co. passed by Wiswell.

The witness said he was afterwards a reappraisal, he said, by General Appraiser Cooper, and the result was that the same goods of the business were not reappraised.

"Did you show all these invoices to Appraiser Cooper?"

"What do you know of the statement made that Mr. Wiswell gave a false sample of the invoice of the Japanese Fan Company?"

"It was not that it was a misapprehension on the part of Mr. Wiswell, but that he was not sure of the goods that corresponded to the sample."

"Do you think it showed fraudulent intent?"

"Well, I thought it very strange, and I reported it to the Appraiser. I did not think that the incident at the time, but I afterwards ascertained that the sample was cut from a piece of goods imported by the Japanese Fan Company."

"The witness said that he made an investigation of the invoices of J. H. Johnson & Co. for 1902 and had found many instances of undervaluation."

Appraiser Cooper quoted Mr. Corbett in his letter to the Secretary as saying that the result reached by General Appraiser Hunt was not in accordance with the facts. Mr. Corbett said he has no recollection of the Appraiser and that he was correctly quoted.

"What can you say of the statement of the Appraiser that Mr. Wiswell was forced to make admissions in these invoices under pressure from him?"

"I am a pretty strong witness in this connection," replied the witness. "The invoices were simply returned to him and he was asked to go over them carefully."

Mr. Macfarlane then took up the subject of Appraiser Cooper's letters to the Secretary of the Treasury of June 20 and July 1, 1902, telling of his suspension of Wiswell, and of his subsequent reinstatement.

With the evident intention of ascertaining how the letters came to be made public, Mr. Corbett said he had seen these letters several times, and admitted that he had made a memorandum of the contents of each one.

He further stated that a reporter of one of the newspapers had come to him and asked him about the suspension of Wiswell.

He said that at the request of the reporter he had shown him the memorandum he had made of the letters to the Secretary of the Treasury, and that he had given him the information not given to the public.

"The witness said he did not know of the knowledge of Appraiser Cooper, and that he did not know of the reporter exact copies of the letters."

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Mr. Corbett then had his attention called to an investigation of the matter made by Appraiser Cooper to find out how the official correspondence of the department was made public.

He said he remembered that several clerks were examined before the Appraiser, including himself.

Mr. Macfarlane read several of the questions and answers in Corbett's examination at that time, in which the latter stated under oath that he knew nothing as to the manner in which the information had been leaked out.

Other questions Corbett had declined to answer.

The witness found some difficulty in explaining the contradictory statements he had made and in explaining the nervousness under Mr. Macfarlane's vigorous cross-examination.

He took refuge finally in declaring that he did not remember exactly what he had said on the occasion of his investigation referred to.

"Did you know that Mr. Cooper testified that he had never been able to find out how these letters were made public?" asked Mr. Macfarlane.

"Yes, I had told him several times. Did you not know that this investigation was made for the purpose of enabling the Secretary of the Treasury to find out how this correspondence became public?"

"What do you suppose I did?"

"Am I to suppose that it was a frank answer to make to the question referred to in the letter to the Secretary?"

"I thought it proper to make such an answer to Mr. Cooper. The reporter did not have the copies of the letters then."

"What had become of them?"

"I got them back. I did this at the suggestion of Mr. Cooper."

"Then you thought it was right to deceive the Secretary of the Treasury in this matter?" asked Commissioner Dunn.

"I did not think it was deceiving anybody."

"You thought it was all right to do what you have just stated you did?"

"Perfectly."

Mr. Corbett said that this was the first time that he had ever asked the Appraiser to see any official correspondence. Mr. Cooper, he said, seemed to make no objection to such a request.

BLOOMINGDALE'S MAY PARTY.

Games and a Repeat at North Meadows in Central Park.

The May party of Bloomingdale's (Inc.) employees, held at the North Meadows, in Central Park, yesterday was one of the largest and most enjoyable of the kind.

Leaving the store at 9 o'clock the party reached quickly, and an appetizing lunch was taken out of the canteen. All the delegates of the season were spread on the velvety sward and some fine games were played.

Games and various kinds of contests were then in order and were enjoyed.

Supt. Schwab, of Bloomingdale's, had charge of the day's arrangements, and succeeded to the utmost in making every one pass a happy day without the slightest hitch or accident.

Bloomingdale's received the following note this morning:

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MITCHELL WHIPS JIM HALL.

Sensational Fight Encounter Between the Two Pugilists.

The Australian Not Only Worsted, but Arrested as Well.

LONDON, May 31.—Fighting people are talking of a severe fight in earnest, between Charlie Mitchell, the noted pugilist, and Jim Hall, the Australian, who knocked out Frank Slavin at the National Sporting Club on Monday night.

It appears that Mitchell and Hall quarreled last night, near "Pony" Moore's resort, known as St. James's Hall. They went to settle the quarrel with their fists, and Hall got decidedly the worst of the encounter.

The Australian was knocked down and had his head cut, and looked very much like a wreck.

The police, who came upon the scene, succeeded in arresting Hall, whom they marched off in custody. His injured head was dressed and bandaged, and he was detained as a prisoner. Mitchell escaped arrest.

FALL RIVER'S NEW MYSTERY.

No Clue Yet to the Murderer of Bertha Manchester.

Police Following Up Some of Her Father's Recent Employees.

FALL RIVER, Mass., May 31.—The murderer who chopped Miss Bertha Manchester to death at her father's farm, on the outskirts of the city yesterday, has not yet been apprehended, and the tragedy grows more mysterious.

Contrary to first report, neighbors state this morning that they heard Manchester to death at her father's farm, on the outskirts of the city yesterday, has not yet been apprehended, and the tragedy grows more mysterious.

One of them, a Portuguese, is wanted for a robbery committed at Charles Frank's clothing store in April, and a warrant has been out for his arrest for some time.

His associate is now serving sentence, he was at Manchester for two days about two weeks ago, and has been known to go for such a long time.

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AT VIRGINIA'S CAPITAL CITY.

Jefferson Davis's Body Reaches the End of Its Journey.

Richmond Filled with Visitors for This Afternoon's Ceremonies.

RICHMOND, Va., May 31.—The funeral train bearing the remains of Jefferson Davis, was scheduled to arrive here at 1 P. M., but it was not until 3 P. M. this morning that it rolled into the depot. An hour before the train arrived the city was filled with visitors, and the streets were thronged with people.

From the depot the body was escorted by the Robert E. Lee Corp. and the First Virginia Regiment, the march up the hill and through the Capitol grounds in the early morning hour being most impressive.

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PERU NEARING CIVIL WAR.

A Revolt Expected the Moment that Fierola Lands.

Violent Mob Gather Nightly in the Streets of the Capital.

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